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Dear Sir

MID SUSSEX LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION SHLAA COMPARISON HILL PLACE FARM, EAST GRINSTEAD

I refer to the ongoing Local Plan Hearing sessions in respect of the above, and write in respect of your request for potential SHLAA sites to be debated at the Examination.

At the last Hearing session on 13 January 2017, the LPA indicated that it would not discuss/debate any site that is presently the subject of an Appeal, and you concurred with that position. I respect this decision, and can fully understand it would be inappropriate to re-visit or debate any matters of judgement that were the subject of dispute on any Site which was the subject of an Appeal.

I act on behalf of Linden Homes, and with regard to a site at East Grinstead — which was the subject of a S78 Public Inquiry in late Oct/early Nov 2016. The purpose of this letter is to simply bring to your attention <u>matters of fact</u>, as opposed to judgement, in respect of the stark differences of the LPA's position as set in the SHLAA, compared with the actual position adopted by the LPA at the Inquiry (a few months ago). I have set this out in the attached form, which follows the format adopted by the Forum in the 5No sites to be discussed.

Please also note that the LPA acknowledged at the S78 Inquiry that the proposed development *per se* was not contrary to the recently "made" Neighbourhood Plan, insofar as Policy EG5 of the Neighbourhood Plan was a "facilitating" development policy, as opposed to a "restrictive" policy – as proposed to be reworded by the Examiner. Albeit the LPA maintained its position to Policy EG5 in respect of the sustained "landscape" (only) objection.

As previously indicated, these are matters of fact, and not judgement, and whilst the subject of a pending S78 Decision, it does not consequently need to be debated.





I respectfully wished to bring these matters to your attention, and I have also duly copied the LPA accordingly.

If you did have any further queries in this regard, I would be pleased to receive them accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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